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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION, INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

Willie L. Pittman, 26, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to 10 years in federal prison without parole.

On June 17, 2004, **Pittman** pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. By pleading guilty, **Pittman** admitted that he possessed with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on March 31, 2003.

Pittman was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 7, 2004, in Kansas City.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Marquez. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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